COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the *22nd of January 1934.*
9th of Makaram 1109.

The Council met for the Legislative Session of 1109 in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past eleven of the clock on Monday, 22nd January 1934, with the Deputy President in the Chair. Messrs. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon, A. Eachara Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

As soon as the President was on the dais Mr. K. M. Ibrahim, the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur, exclaimed (shouted):—
"പ്രാമല്ിയ്യ് ലാത്തി ഭരണം നശിക്കട്ടെ"

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

Messrs. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar) and I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening statement by the Deputy President.

Deputy President.—Hon'ble Members, in the absence of the President, I am not expected to make an opening speech. And a speech from the non-official President may not contain any matter which will be of much interest to you.

But, I welcome you all on behalf of the President and myself for the present work before us. After a 5 months' rest, I hope we are all have come fresh, full of energy and activity to finish off the very long agenda which is placed before us. I hope you will all co-operate with me and finish off the task before us. I have nothing more to add than once more to welcome you again to this Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir.

Deputy President.—You cannot raise any point of order till the questions and answers are over.

Questions and Answers.

Burial Ground—Chovannur Village.

1. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 40, dated 31st July 1933, will the Government be pleased to state whether the request for a burial ground has been

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sanctioned and if not, what has been done in the matter since the last Budget Session of the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A portion of Survey No. 1389/2 of Chovannur village will be set apart for the use of the Ezhuvas and other backward communities as their burial ground. The ground will be improved in the course of the year, if funds are available.

Construction—Masonry drains—Pazhanji.

2. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 42, dated 31st July 1933, whether any action has been taken to translate into action the request made to the P. W. D. by the Cochin Road Board to attend at an early date to the construction of masonry drains in Pazhanji Bazaar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work could not be provided in the current year's budget for want of funds. When funds are available action will be taken to carry out the work.

Water communication—Kunnamkulam.

3. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 184 of 3rd August 1933, will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether any reply has been received from the Madras Government; and if so,

(b) whether it will be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. k. Aravindaksha Menon.—Final reply has not been received. The Madras Government have asked for certain details regarding the proposed scheme.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the details called for by the Madras Government have been supplied?

Deputy President.—The Engineering Member is absent. You may put the same question when the Engineer comes to-morrow.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So this question will be given preference to-morrow?

Deputy President.—Yes, certainly. The Secretary will make a note of it.

In-patients—Hospitals.

4. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the number of beds for in-patients in each hospital in the State;

(b) the number of in-patients treated in each hospital in (i) 1106,(ii) 1107 and (iii) 1108;

(c) whether there are beds in any hospital more than the actual requirement; and if so,

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